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TIPPING THEIR HATS

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Students at Honoré-Mercier Elementary School in St. Léonard enjoy their special "TipYour Hat" Day. Read more in the Focus.

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this edition of the Fielding Focus we are sharing with readers some of the interesting links which can be accessed via our website on a regular basis: the media clippings section and our EMSB TV video features. They are both included in the Press Room section. Please see the information and links on page 2.

We are very proud of the feature report Radio Canada (CBC French language television) did on the EMSB's excellent French immersion program, profiling Royal Vale School. Principal Chantal Martin was interviewed, along with some students and EMSB Chairman Angela Mancini, whose impeccable command of the French language has attracted praise from the local French media.

-Michael J. Cohen



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EMSB IN THE MEDIA

The EMSB would like to point readers to the media clippings section of our website by clicking [here](#) where we provide links to newspaper articles about our Board or relevant to the local education system. It is neatly compiled by webmaster for schools Andrea DiTomaso, Here are some of the highlights (just click on the links)

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EMSB TV GUIDE

Please check out the EMSB Audio Video section, otherwise known as EMSB TV and Radio by clicking [here](#). Recent highlights include short productions by social media specialist Daniel Smajovits. Click on the links:

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RADIO CANADA PRAISES EMSB FRENCH IMMERSION

Special attention must be given to a report which was filed by Radio Canada (CBC French Language Television) which highlighted the excellence of the EMSB's French Immersion Programs. [See the full report by clicking here.](#)

BILL 115 A DISAPPOINTMENT

The EMSB was profoundly disappointed with the provincial government's passage of Bill 115, the followup to Bills 103 and 104. As EMSB Chairman **Angela Mancini** states in this opinion piece, the new law will not be of much help to the EMSB. [Read here.](#)

EMSB ENROLMENT REPORT

The 2010-11 enrolment report for the EMSB Youth Sector has been announced as 21,510 pupils. That is down 789 from last year. However, this is an improvement over the original forecast of 21,370 students. The EMSB had more than 27,000 students in 2001, but numbers began to erode after the passage a year later of Bill 104. There are more than 13,000 students in the EMSB's Adult Education and Vocational Services sector

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The EMSB Council of Commissioners have approved the Audited Financial Statements for the 2009-2010 academic year. The EMSB posted revenues of \$260,557,174 and expenses of \$260,197,837 – thus producing a surplus of \$359,337 based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This surplus reflects a reduction in school and centre accumulated surpluses of approximately \$115,000, however it does not take into account the subsidy provided by the MELS to adjust financial statements due to the accounting reform in the public sector. The corporate surplus at June 30, 2010 will be finalized over the next few weeks.

It is important to note that due to the adoption of GAAP, the accumulated surplus at July 1, 2008 and at July 1, 2009 have been restated on the Statement of Accumulated Surplus. The subsidy of \$84 million, determined by the MELS, that has restated the School Board's surplus at July 1, 2009 from a cumulative deficit of \$37 million to cumulative surplus of \$47 million relates mostly to capital debt, and provisions for vacation and sick banks. The 2009-2010 corporate surplus will be adjustments for the timing differences arising from the adoption of the new accounting rules. Once completed, the free corporate surplus will be available for self-financing energy projects and other initiatives to increasing success of all EMSB students.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Students at the EMSB will once again take part in Remembrance Day ceremonies, coordinated by the team of spiritual community animators. Some programs will take place next week. One of the more significant events will be a cross-cultural exchange hosted by Laurier Macdonald High School in St. Leonard Nov. 10 at which time they will welcome students from Bialik High School in Côte Saint-Luc. There will be a wide array of speakers, including Federal MP Massimo Pacetti, war veterans and Holocaust survivors.



CAREER FAIR

The 11th annual EMSB Career Fair will take place November 3 and 4 at St. Pius X Adult Centre in Ahuntsic (9955 Papineau) for Secondary V students. It is sponsored by **Jack Dym** of Pipe and Piling Supplies and RBC Royal Bank.

Official opening ceremonies will take place on November 3 at 9:30 a.m., with the event also marking Media Literacy Week and focusing on the theme of *Gender and Media*. Among the guest speakers will be popular MusiquePlus veejay **Chéli Sauv -Castonguay** and RBC Royal Bank sponsored athletes **Benoit St-Amand** and **Marie-Eve Marleau**. St-Amand is a goalie for the Canadian Paralympic sledge hockey team while Marleau is an elite diver who represented Canada at last Summer Olympic Games in Beijing China.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on November 3, the Career Fair will be open to the community-at-large. Organizers note that this is a good opportunity for parents to attend with their children as they look towards post-secondary education options. Noted veejay and motivational speaker **Malik Shaheed**, a graduate of Westmount High School, will be back as the emcee. **Susan Freed**, a guidance counsellor at Lauren Hill Academy in St. Laurent, is the Career Fair chairperson. The Student Services and Adult Education and Vocational Services Departments of the EMSB coordinate this program. THE TEAM 990 all sports radio station will broadcast live from the Career Fair on day one from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with hosts **Tony Marinaro** and **Randy Tieman**.

All students will take part in a brief general information session in the St. Pius X auditorium. Students will then have the chance to visit the various exhibition/information booths staffed by representatives from English vocational centres, CEGEPS, universities, the Canadian Armed Forces, McDonald's and some private business colleges. For the complete press release click [here](#).

RADIO STAR CONTEST

The EMSB and the Lester B. Pearson School Board are once again thrilled to be part of THE TEAM 990's Radio Star contest. High school students interested in a career in sports radio broadcasting have until December 10 at 4 p.m. to submit audition tapes to the Communications and Marketing Division. Working with their respective guidance counsellors, the students will be asked to prepare their own sportscast using the daily newspaper or the internet to develop a script. Files can be sent on cassette or via email to mcohen@emsb.qc.ca. Two EMSB finalists will be chosen and in early 2011 they will get the opportunity to work out of TEAM 990 studios and vie for the Radio Star title. The ultimate winner gets to perform his or her's own live sportscast, possibly attend a Montreal Canadiens practice, get a tour of CTV studios and a scholarship to the Montreal-Radio TV School. For more details see [this flyer](#).

EAST HILL TIME CAPSULE

More than 500 people gathered at the Chateaubriand reception hall in Rivière-des-Prairies on October 15 to celebrate the completion of the [East Hill Elementary School](#) Millennium Project.

In April of 2000, the entire student body of East Hill embarked upon this project to celebrate the arrival of the new millennium by creating a time capsule, in which every student made their own miniature capsule and wrote what their hopes and dreams would be for the future. Each of the student's mini time capsules were then placed into the larger time capsule, which was modelled after the Mercury space capsule that was used for space exploration by American astronauts during the early 1960s, sealed and remained on display in the lobby of the school until it was opened 10 years later. The former students in attendance at the event – who were students at East Hill during the 1999-2000 academic year – retrieved their mini time capsules and were curious to see if what they wished for a decade earlier became a reality.

Also in attendance that evening were current and former East Hill teachers, parents, East Hill principal **Maria Di Perna** and vice principal **Myrienne Lusigan**, EMSB Deputy Director General **Roma Medwid**, Region 1 Director **Marzia Michielli**, Commissioner **Patricia Lattanzio** and former East Hill principal **Maria Cesta**, who oversaw the launch of the Millennium Project. She recited to the crowd a poem she wrote to commemorate the occasion called "A Voyage in Time."

JAMES LYNQ ON FILM

Last year, students from James Lyng High School in St. Henri were involved in two very special film projects, and the launch for these productions took place at the Festival du nouveau cinema. "I Love Burgz," was created in cooperation with LOVE (Leave Out Violence), with all the writing, acting, and production being done by youth. Many present and former students were part of this project which was screened at recently. At this same screening, the Black Community Resource Center-sponsored film "Say It Loud, Say It Proud," another project created by James Lyng students had its first public showing. James Lyng is proud of the creative work of its students.



Ten years later, former East Hill students read the messages they placed in the time capsule.

EMSB SET TO ADOPT ICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

As a way to safeguard the privacy and rights of the EMSB and its users, and prevent inappropriate use of Information and Computing Technology (ICT) resources, a revised appropriate use policy will set forth a new set of regulations set to take affect across the board.

The revised policy will apply to all EMSB stakeholders, including employees, students, commissioners, parents and the general public who access or make use of any telecommunication or computing infrastructure (equipment) and services which are provided or managed by the EMSB or any external systems accessed while using these services. Aligning with, and in support of, the EMSB's "Safe Schools Policy," the new regulations allow for the filtering of internet access in order to promote the most effective use of school board resources, as well as eliminate any inappropriate activity. This policy must first go out for consultation to the Central Parents' Committee, the Education Policies Committee, the Central Management Advisory Committee and various employee unions and associations before being formally adopted by the Council of Commissioners. For more details click [here](#).

NEW CPC Chairman

Linda Perez, a parent at MIND High School, is the new chairman of the Central Parents Committee, succeeding **Scott Day**. **Hanna Jaiolos** and **Nijad Dahdah**, parents at Coronation and Royal West Academy respectively, are the vice-chairs. **Angie Bertone** and **Gail Giannakas** will return as parent commissioners.

ROSEMOUNT ON THE ROAD

Rosemount High School chose a unique way of promoting its open house in recent weeks, taking its stageband to perform at a number of feeder elementary schools. This included Dalkeith, Nesbitt, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Pierre de Coubertin, St. Brendan, and Honoré-Mercier.



The Rosemount High School Stageband shows off its talent.

EMSB KOREA INITIATIVE

While he does not have an official designation from **Stephen Harper**, one could easily call **Min Sik Kim** an ambassador. At the EMSB, Kim has a crucial job. He's the face of English Montreal to hundreds of South Korean students and their parents, all interested in an international education.

Filled with rich culture, traditions and history, Montreal's reputation is world renowned, however, that does not make Kim's job any easier. "There is a lot of misinformation about Montreal," said Kim. "A lot of people think that during the winter, everyone is inside all day and night. I have to explain to them that it's not like that whatsoever and that there are plenty of options."

Kim also noted that language, for multiple reasons is a critical issue. While in South Korea, there is an understanding of the prominence of the French language in Quebec, there is a lack of knowledge regarding the English community and how children truly grow up in a bilingual society. "A lot of Koreans do not know that there are English schools in Quebec and that's where I step in," he said. "I make sure they know about the English Montreal School Board, the city of Montreal and give them a taste of what their children could be experiencing if they come over."

With two trips each year, Kim works alongside both the governments of Canada and the Republic of Korea as well as various educational representatives to ensure that the EMSB has a prominent presence at various

education fairs and expositions. Trucking along brochures, DVDs and a wealth of other information, Kim tirelessly speaks to each interested family, ensuring that they get a perfect picture of Montreal and what the city has to offer. [Read the full backgrounder here.](#)

CULTURE FOR ALL

The EMSB presence in *Les Journées de la culture* on September 24 was a hit! The organizers of this event, *Culture for all (Culture pour tous)*, were very pleased. Thanks to the collaboration of principals, vice-principals, teachers, and students, the EMSB organized a panoply of activities in 22 schools led by **Genny Villa**, special projects consultant in Pedagogical Services. The more salient ones were exhibitions of student art work, murals, traditional clothing, cooking and arts and crafts of the schools' ethnic groups, a vernissage at Westmount High School and several workshops with invited artists such as **Marvin Real Baptiste** (Dance, Hip Hop) at Bancroft Elementary School on the Plateau and Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North and **Alejandro Moran** (Arts de la scène, Theatre and improvisation) at Marymount Academy in N.D.G.

RETIRES DINNER



Former Director General **Mario Tirelli** is congratulated by his successor **Robert Stocker** and Chairman **Angela Mancini**.

About 184 people attended the annual retirees' dinner, which took place on October 14 at the Omni Mont-Royal Hotel in downtown Montreal. The evening honoured 107 retiring employees of the EMSB who worked as educators, administrators, professionals and support staff, and whose combined years of service to the Board added up to 3,004 years. EMSB Chair **Angela Mancini**, along with the senior administrators from each region, Adult Education and Vocational Education, Student Services, Human Resources, Information Technology Services and the General Directorate's Office, presented each retiree with a special thank-you gift of a Forestville desk clock from Mosel. Two of the longest serving employees honoured that evening were **Rocco Moccela**, former teacher from Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North, and **Mario Tirelli**, former EMSB Director General, who both retired after 38 years of service.

MAGICAL BEGINNING

There was a magical beginning to the school year for students at St. Monica In N.D.G.! Kindergarten and Cycle 1 students were invited into the magical world of learning with a special magic show organized and performed by Spiritual and Community Animator **Joseph Monachino** (right, with the students). The goal of the event was to promote a sense of excitement for the year of learning ahead, as well as to foster the development of a community of learners that will last the whole year through!



WORKSHOPS ON ATTENTION PROBLEMS AND SEXUALITY

The Center of Excellence for Behavior Management and L'Équipe Régionale de Soutien et D'expertise DCIPSM de la Montérégie will present two lectures of interest to parents November 15 and 16 at the Centre Renaissance (7500 Boul. Henri Bourassa East) in Anjou (8:30 a.m. to 4 pm.) featuring world renowned psychologist Gordon Neufeld.

On November 15, the lecture, entitled "Making Sense of Attention Problem," will open the minds of parents and teachers and provide them with alternate methods of coping with the issues children face. Instead of needing to rely on medical interventions, they can address the root problems children face and see significant results in behavior, relationships and academic achievement. On November 16, Dr. Neufeld will focus on the topic of "Adolescence and Sexuality." He will be discussing the development of sexuality and the current outlook of sexuality in this generation compared to past ones. He will shed light on the reason behind the increase in sexual interaction among adolescents, as well as the issue of sexual bullying. Individuals attending will be educated on several alternate methods on how to contribute to the healthy unfolding of sexuality in our youth. For more information email eventscebm@rsb.qc., call 450 672-4010 Extension: 6550 or register online at

<http://www.gordonneufeld.com/events/gordon.>

FEELING GOOD AT FRASER ACADEMY

Using a delightful book called, "The Feel Good Book" by **Todd Parr**, kindergarten students at Fraser Academy in St. Laurent followed Spiritual Community Animator Mike Shaw through a delightful journey of loving friends, laughing, sharing treats, hugging toys, catching snowflakes on your tongue and even watching Grandpa and Grandma dancing! All of these activities and another 25 had the kindergarten children in moments of laughter, song and silent meditation. After it all, and having watched the children, the teacher, **Cynthia Whyte** and Mr Shaw agreed the activity left both students and staff feeling well

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Newly appointed Pedagogical Services Arts Consultant **Melissa Ledo**, previously a teacher at Lester B. Pearson High School, is organizing workshop for the dance, drama, music and visual arts educational community of Quebec. During this day there will be teacher directed presentations (including two EMSB **teachers Sharon Erskine** and **Vince Timpano**) an Arts Association panel and a keynote by former Marvel comic book artist **Geof Isherwood** addressing the topic of "why art education is the catalyst for learning." In addition the artist collective **EN MASSE** and a group of students from various Quebec English School boards will be painting a mural during this full day. Afternoon workshops include: *Introduction class on how to teach improve* for dance and music teachers by **Kirsten Rasmussen**: **Kristen is** co-director of Montreal Improv, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the art of improvisational theatre or 'improv.' Their mission is to grow the improv community by teaching a new generation of improvisers. She is also a trainer for the Canadian Improv Games (a.k.a. CIG, the largest and most geographically dispersed theatre festival in Canada). Since 1978 they have brought together high school students from across Canada to explore improvization in a supportive and fun environment and *Hip-Hop and Graffiti workshop* for music and visual arts



FUN DAY AT CORONATION

The annual Fun Day took place recently at Coronation Elementary School in Côte-des-Neiges. This is the staff's way of welcoming new and returning students to the school for fun, food and a good time. There were some air bounce games (obstacle course, a sports bounce game) which are always a big hit, plus face painting and, of course, lots of hot-dogs!! A great day was had by all!



DANTE GIVES BACK

Dante Elementary School in St. Léonard took a special twist on Thanksgiving this year. On October 7 Dante's African themed Thanksgiving celebration focused on those less fortunate in the world. This year, Dante will be fostering a young boy and girl in Africa with the help of Foster Parents Plan Canada. The money was raised by a Thanksgiving themed dress down day. The celebration culminated with a turkey hotdog luncheon shared by the students and staff. This celebration would have not been possible without the support of Principal Ida Pisano, Arts Specialist **Franca Mambro**, Music Specialist **Maria Alongi**, Spiritual Community Animator **Vince Lacroce**, the Dante Student Council, Laurier Macdonald High School Secondary VI IBO student volunteers and LMAC Principal **Eileen Kelly** for donating the turkey hotdogs.

BENEDICT LABRE

On October 4 Secondary IV students from Laurier Macdonald, accompanied by Ms. Kelly, Mr. Lacroce, Head of Cafeteria **Linda De Young** and Community Learning Centre Coordinator **Gina Bergantino**, prepared a Thanksgiving meal for the Benedict Labre House. The meal was prepared and delivered to those less fortunate in Montreal. The organizers wish to thank Mr. Carnevale (J.B. Laverdure), **Tania Gucciardo** (Distribution Marchica) and the Ruvo Family (Les Delices Lafrennaie), who generously donated food for the cause.

Meanwhile, LMAC Secondary V student **Michelle Sollecito**, under the direction of Mr. Lacroce, organized a week of fundraising for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure. Michelle created the logo for the LMAC Breast cancer t-shirts and with the help of her friends had bake sales and raffled off memorabilia for the cause. On October 3, 10 LMAC students walked on behalf of the school and raised over \$2,000! October being the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students wore the t-shirt Michelle created every Friday. Congratulations to everyone who participated and donated to the cause.



Lachenaie, Boss Auto and Laura Bakery. The school has generated over \$20,000 for the Telethon of stars over the past 10 years.

Laurier Macdonald Secondary V students, under the direction of the school administration, ERC teacher Christina Pastor and Mr. Lacroce, organized a week of fundraising for the Telethon of stars. Students created LMAC Telethon of stars t-shirts, put on a BBQ and had a bake sale. Sponsors included Costco

TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOMS

The **SEIP** - Supplemental English Montreal School Board Information and Communication Technologies Program - is an initiative of the Pedagogical Services Department and is organized by pedagogical consultants **Maureen Baron, Caroline Dupuis** and **Kish Gue**. The ninety (90) SEIP teachers were selected by their school to receive a laptop computer, a data projector and an interactive whiteboard (Brand name = Smartboard) for their classrooms. They will participate in three professional development days on the integration of these technologies to support and enhance student success. The 2010-2011 elementary **SEIP** teachers met for the first of these three professional development days on October 19 and the high school teachers met on October 20th. They practiced using the Smartboard and its Notebook software, discussed the integration of technology into their daily teaching activities and strategies, and explored learning and teaching resources available in their SEIP community on the EMSB portal. Later this year they will return for two more days of professional development that will focus on the integration of these technologies into specific curriculum areas.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Twenty eight students from the LaurenHill Academy Senior Campus in St. Laurent turned in quite a day visiting the Welcome Hall Mission and Benedict Labre House recently. Their volunteer duties included sorting and bagging of strawberries, peeling of carrots and potatoes, bagging toiletries, mixed packed foods, soft drinks, chips, green tea and clothing. They folded flyers, sorted out an entire cupboard of china and two boxes of pots and pans for a cooking course and cleaned out a conference room. As a result of these good deeds, over 500 families and 90 street people enjoyed good meals for three days! It is all part of what LHA Spiritual Community Animator Mike Shaw calls the school's "Wheel of Fortune."

TEAM OASIS

As hundreds of potential students and their parents visited LaurenHill Academy's two campuses for open house, there to welcome them were members of Team Oasis. Not only did the Team Oasis provide good cups of piping hot coffee, but also a range of fruit juices from which to choose. As the parents and children waited to be served they also had an opportunity to peruse a plethora of children's and adult books ranging from 50 cents to 5\$! The money collected will finance future projects – one of which is to help purchase the food with which to cook a hot meal and serve it to some 100 street people.



THE APPRENTICE VISIT

The EMSB was proud to welcome back **Stephanie Castagnier**, a 1993 graduate of Vincent Massey Collegiate, who returned to her old high school on October 6 to speak to students. She is presently a high profile contestant in the newest edition of the television show *The Apprentice*, starring **Donald Trump**. It airs on NBC and Global.

"It is great to be back," she told a large gathering of Secondary IV and V students. "I have lots of good memories as captain of the volleyball team. I also played basketball and was part of track and field and debate teams,"

A francophone who grew up in the Plateau area, Stephanie said she made the choice to enrol in the English public sector and credits Vincent Massey with giving her the necessary competitive spirit which has made her

successful in the real estate baking industry and the ability to beat out 25,000 competitors for a coveted spot on *The Apprentice*. She now resides in Chicago and has worked as a real estate banker.



Stephanie Castagnier talks to VMC students,

Stephanie shared many fascinating behind the scenes secrets. Principal **John Pevec** and Vice-Principal **Angela Vaudry** gave her a tour of the school, showed her the portrait with her graduation photo and brought by some of her former teachers. A crew from Entertainment Tonight Canada was on hand to film her return as you can see [here](#). For the complete press release click [here](#). You can also watch [this](#) great video prepared by **Daniel Smajovits** as Stephanie brought four members of the present-day VMC debate team on stage to recreate part of the audition process she went through, playing the role of **Donald Trump**. It was actually a debate, in which Trump asked a question and “fired” those whose answers he did not like. Stephanie took one of the questions she faced, which was “Do you need a business degree to succeed?”

VINCENT MASSEY DEBATERS

The Vincent Massey Debate Society has been in existence for five years. They have been extremely fortunate to have participated in numerous events over the years. Most recently, on the weekend of September 28, 2010, they travelled to New Haven, Connecticut to participate in the Yale invitational. The competition consisted of 33 American teams. Among these, was the team of **Megan Gagliano** and **Cynthia Sino** of Vincent Massey who finished in eighth place. Another team who participated was composed of **Liana Cusmano** and **Alex Izak**. Liana and Alex finished in ninth place as a team, and sixth and 10th place respectively as individual speakers. The same team of students was also in attendance to compete in the Oxford Cup Qualifier on October 18. At this event the team of Sino and Gagliano finished in second place as a team. Cynthia and Megan also competed individually and came in third and sixth place respectively. Also, coming in third place as a team was **Alex Izak** and **Liana Cusamo**, who also took fifth and seventh place respectively as individual speakers. The top five teams at the Oxford Qualifier are set to move on to the next round of competition in Toronto, where they will face teams from all across Canada.

CÔTE SAINT-LUC HIGH SCHOOL

The EMSB held a highly successful information meeting October 6 about the possibility of establishing a unique public high school in Côte Saint-Luc. It was standing room only at Côte Saint-Luc City Hall. Mayor **Anthony Housefather** has made the return of a public high school in his community a major priority. He invited the EMSB to hold the meeting in the Côte Saint-Luc Council Chamber. Opening remarks by EMSB Chairman **Angela Mancini**, Commissioner **Dr. Syd Wise**, Mayor Housefather and **Bonnie Feigenbaum**, a councillor in the Town of



A future EMSB parent, holding her toddler, makes a point

Hampstead, which has also endorsed the concept of a new public high school being established at the former Wagar High facility on Parkhaven Avenue. Commissioner Wise chairs the EMSB Focus Commission, which has been studying new school opening options across the network. Commissioner **Joseph Lalla** gave a power point presentation of the Wagar building, which presently houses a special needs high school (John Grant), an adult education centre and the book processing centre. It was renamed the Giovanni Palatucci Facility in 2006 after a righteous gentile who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during the Holocaust.

Mr. Lalla illustrated why the Palatucci facility and the surrounding area is perfect for a sports concentration program, one of the objectives for a new high school. Heritage languages and fine arts programs are also being considered. But Dr. Wise, a former Wagar principal, made it clear that it will be the parents of students interesting in attending this school who will have crucial input. A questionnaire was circulated and has now been posted at www.emsb.qc.ca and www.cotesaintluc.org for parents to fill out, stating their programming wishes and whether they would be willing to sit on a committee to come up with a strategic plan.

A lot of time was devoted to a question and answer period. Many parents came forward with suggestions, which were duly noted. Ms. Mancini explained that it is not likely that a new school could be established until the 2012-2013 academic year as the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) requires a comprehensive consultation process. Plans call for the EMSB Long Range Planning Committee to make different recommendations to the Council of Commissioners in March. Those that are accepted will go out for consultation, culminating with hearings and a vote in the early winter of 2011-2012. For the full press release click [here](#).

WALK TO SCHOOL

Hundreds of students from six elementary schools (Royal Vale, Willingdon and St. Monica in N.D.G.; Elizabeth Ballantyne in Montreal West; St. John Bosco in Ville Émard; and Edward Murphy in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) skipped the car ride on October 6 to join their peers from around the world and take part in International Walk to School Day.

Along with their parents and staff, the students in the West End were accompanied throughout their walk by **Ted Fairhurst**, who served as an honorary chairman of the annual event organized by the English Montreal School Board. In addition to being an Elizabeth Ballantyne alumnus, Mr. Fairhurst has taken physical fitness to a new level as he recently celebrated his 63rd birthday on top of Mount Everest.

"This is a wonderful event," said Mr. Fairhurst. "It's so important for kids to get out there and walk. This is the time in their lives where they make their bodies what they will be in the future. I used to walk to school four times a day. It's vital for good health and a good mind." For more details click [here](#).



Ted Fairhurst (right), seen here with Commissioner Joseph Lalla and students in front of Elizabeth Ballantyne.

FIRE PREVENTION

Students from East Hill and Edward Murphy Elementary Schools spent the first week of October learning about fire prevention and home alone safety. Spiritual Community Animator Rocco Speranza prepared a 25 minute bilingual lesson plan that covered the topics of stop-,drop and roll to the importance of having a functioning smoke detector in the home.

BEAN DAY

Students from John Paul I Junior High School in St. Léonard's IB and Bilingual programs volunteered to aid local community organizations and police officers with the annual Bean Day. Students packed and aided with the delivery of healthy meals. The event aids and supports local community organizations such as the Mira Foundation, seniors residences and local schools.

GLEE SHOWDOWN

On November 21, the Royal Vale High School Glee Club will be representing the EMSB in [The Just For Kids Foundation](#) "Glee Club Showdown" event. There will be up to 10 different schools located across the island of Montreal competing in a song and dance theme competition, which is set to target the youth within our community. Each "Glee" team from their respected schools have been given a fundraising objective of \$1,000 towards the Just for Kids Foundation, which raises funds to purchase new, high-priority equipment for The Montreal Children's Hospital (MCH).



The Royal Vale Glee Club.

The Royal Vale Glee Club is comprised of 10 members from diverse musical backgrounds, ranging from Grades 8 to 11. This group of talented singers and dancers are not only motivated to bring forth a spectacular performance, but also in the need to raise funds for the Just for Kids Foundation. The Glee Club is overseen by teacher advisor **Selena Lobo**, student teacher **Ted Starr** and ECA coordinator **Jodie Thompson**. The following are the names of the talented individuals who make-up the Glee Club at Royal Vale High School: **Nadia James-Samuels, Shyann Cape, Thaydra Gray, Acailah Safar, Kaya Benskin, Ranee Henegan Comeau, Kaitlyn Butt, Mondira Dhar, Ryan Joseph Vottero** and **Susan Wu Martinez**.

The Just for Kids Foundation "Glee Club Showdown" event will take place at the Loyola Auditorium, which is located at 2477 West

Broadway from 2 p.m. to 4 pm. Radio station 94.7 Hits FM is an official sponsor. Other schools signed up are St. George's, Bialik, Lindsay Place, Riverdale, Trafalgar, LCC, ECS, Selwyn House and The Study. Tickets are \$15 each, but all 750 seats will first be made available to the families of participants.

JFK is comprised of approximately 200 volunteers across four chapters throughout the island of Montreal, each one hosting an exciting fundraising event within the community each year. Since their inception, they have purchased over \$7 million worth of equipment that the MCH might not have otherwise had.



HAUNTED HOUSE

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, students from Lester B. Pearson High School's student council setup a haunted house and invited three neighbourhood elementary schools with Gerald McShane Elementary, École Jules-Verne and École Le Carignan. "In total we welcomed over 300 Grade 5 and 6 students," This event was part of our continuing efforts to foster a positive spirit in the community," said teacher and student life advisor **Paul Karpontinis**

McSHANE SKATERS

Gerald McShane Elementary School in Montreal North's skating program will once again take place two mornings a week at the Henri Bourassa Arena, located next door to the school. This program provides certified instruction by qualified coaches from Skate Canada. In addition to earning badges as they successfully complete each level, the evaluation/ participation will be included in the report card as a portion of the physical education mark. **Cathy Bucaro** coordinates the skating program.

SHAVE TO SAVE

By **Lianna Marie Curiale**

Every year, during the month of October, Virgin Radio and Dormez-Vous host a fundraiser called Shave to Save. The proceeds are donated to the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation. This fundraiser consists of a person or group of people who raise a minimum of \$2,000 a person in order to have a professional hairstylist from La Coupe downtown come to their workplace and shave their head.



Massimo and his aunt.

This year, my younger brother Massimo Curiale, a Grade 8 student at Royal West Academy in Montreal West, decided to participate. With the help of friends, family and the students and staff at RWA, he raised over \$4,000. On Tuesday October 12 at lunch, Tony Stark and Phil from Virgin Radio and a hairstylist from La Coupe came to Royal West and shaved Massimo's head, in front of his friends and family. For Lianna's complete article click [here](#).

JUNIORS AT WESTMOUNT

[The Montreal Juniors](#) of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League launched a series of visits tied to their Score With School Program at Westmount High School on October 13.

Forward **Louis Leblanc**, the 2009 first round draft choice of the Montreal Canadiens, was joined by a number of his teammates including team captain **Nicolas Chouinard**, forwards **Trevor Parkes** (property of the NHL Detroit Red Wings), **Denis Kindl**, defencemen **Francis Meilleur** and **Alex Micallef** and team owner **Farrel Miller**. The players participate in a floor hockey scrimmage, coordinated by physical education teacher **Jeff Kosow**. Staff from Westmount High, including Vice Principal Steven Erdelyi, teamed



Principal Michael Cristofaro drops the puck.

up with the Juniors to take on a squad of students. The Juniors won 6-1, but Mr. Kosso decided to call back five goals and an entertaining shootout then ensued.

More than 600 students packed the gymnasium. Following the game, the players stayed around to sign autographs. Naturally, the lineup to meet future Hab Leblanc was long.

The EMSB is officially part of the Score With School program. In addition to Westmount High, eight EMSB elementary schools (St. Gabriel in Pointe-St-Charles, Royal Vale, Willingdon and St. Monica in N.D.G., Roslyn in Westmount, Bancroft in the Plateau, John Caboto in Ahuntsic and Hampstead), two other high schools (John F. Kennedy in St. Michel and James Lyng in St. Henri), the Outreach/Alternative high school network (a grouping of nine separate schools) and one adult centre (James Lyng) are involved. Thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsors, 15 sets of season ticket packages (four seats per game) have been given to each of these schools.

On December 8, the Juniors will play a regular season game during school hours, with a 10:35 a.m. face off time and a special Remembrance Day ceremony. Sports-Études students from the EMSB's Lester B. Pearson High School will be among those in attendance. Wednesday, February 9 will be EMSB Night at the Verdun Auditorium. For more details call 514-483-7200 ext. 7245.



Louis Leblanc signs autographs.

WALK, ROLL AND RUN AT WESTMOUNT HIGH



Leadership students from Westmount High School recently joined physically disabled and visually impaired children from the Mackay Centre and Philip E. Layton Schools in N.D.G., to take part in the ninth annual "Walk, Roll and Run" in honour of Terry Fox.

Since the inaugural event in 1992, the schools have raised over \$38,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. This year continued the long tradition of bringing children and representatives from the three schools together to participate in an inspirational and tear-jerking morning of joint fitness activities, which culminates in a 30 minute walk, roll and run around the Westmount High School track.

"It was a great event which raised lots of money for the Terry Fox Foundation," said Jeff Kosow, co-organizer of the event and a physical education teacher at Westmount High School. "The leadership students have an amazing time and so do the kids from the Mackay Centre and Philip E. Layton."

STEP AT MARYMOUNT

STEP @ Marymount is a unique program designed to provide enrichment and resource support to the student community. It coordinates and provides tutoring during the school day on a per period basis. Students having difficulties can request that the teacher allow them to visit STEP during the class for individual help. STEP is also a place where project-based learning and research opportunities are supported. Students have access to a small library and a full computer lab, complete with an on site laser printer. Colour printing is available as well. All internet use is screened by both the EMSB filter and the STEP staff.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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CRC ROBOTICS

The EMSB will host the 2011 CRC Robotics competition February 10, 11 and 12 at Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North. For details go to www. robo-crc.ca.

APPLE PICKING

Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School in Ahuntsic recently organized an apple picking family outing (right) at Le Chalet Ruisseau. The students, with their parents left by school bus and spent the day there. They picked apples and then **all had lunch together at the chalet. "We spent an unforgettable day with staff, students and their family,"** says Principal **Anna Pecora**.



CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Canada's population grew a little more on October 18 as Edward Murphy Elementary School in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve played host to a citizenship ceremony, an event which marked the beginning of Canada's Citizenship Week and welcomed nearly two dozen residents into the Canadian family.

"We extend to you, our new brothers and sisters, our best wishes for success," said Citizenship Judge **Alain Ayache**, who presided over the ceremony. "Canada is your country by choice, and that makes all of us proud as Canadians."

Coinciding with Citizenship Week, the event was the ideal platform for the students to reflect on the value of citizenship, what it means to be Canadian, and understand the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION AT DUNRAE



Safety was the top priority for the Société de Transport de Montréal (STM) as they recently provided a vital information session for Grade 5 and 6 students at Dunrae Gardens Elementary school in the Town of Mount Royal (TMR).

Leading the session were STM officers Marinos and Di Bartolo, as well as in attendance were André Maratta, Director of TMR Public Security, Captain **Andrew Milukow** from TMR Public Security, Municipal Councillor **Erin Kennedy** and EMSB Commissioner **Liz Leaman**.

The nearly 120 students in attendance listened attentively in the gym as they were treated to an informative and presentation which detailed all the rules and regulations they will need when

taking to Montreal's public transportation system once they enter high school.

While the officers tried to keep the session as light-hearted as possible, they ensured that students understood the importance of being vigilant at all times, respecting STM and public property, as well as being aware of their surroundings and of course, remaining courteous to their fellow riders.

NO MORE DIRTY LOOKS

On October 18 EMSB Librarian **Ann Fagan**, spent some time at Royal West Academy with alumnus **Siobhan O'Connor (left)** to speak to students about her recently published book, *No More Dirty Looks: The Truth About Your Beauty Products and the Ultimate Guide to Safe and Clean Cosmetics*. This is written by Siobhan and fellow Montrealer **Alexandra Spunt**. Both are journalists; Siobhan writes for [Good Magazine](#) in New York and is a freelancer for many other publications. The authors found out all kinds of things the cosmetics industry doesn't want you to know, and share it with their readers. The students had many insightful questions for Siobhan about the research for the book, the toxicity of many products, and their effect on the environment. They will stay in touch with her via her website and blog. Log on to <http://nomoredirtylooks.com/thebook>. Siobhan has done many interviews for radio and TV. Her next major appearance will be on The Today Show on November 30 at 8 a.m.

PARKDALE BRANCHING OUT

For the past while, Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent has been attending the CAM-LAU discussion forums (La Comité D'action du Milieu Laurentien), which is a project of COSSL (Comité des Organismes Sociaux de Saint-Laurent). As a result the school is pleased to announce the introduction of a psychomotricity program for their Kindergarten class. Once a week, a psychomotrician comes into the Kindergarten class and helps enrich the psychomotor development of the children. Also, an after school program began at Parkdale in conjunction with the St-Laurent YMCA. It is a free program, offered twice a week and helps keep kids active and moving. The children are having a great time. This is a pilot project that is only being tested at four schools in the community. Parkdale is working very hard to have a voice in these discussion forums that link together various members of the St. Laurent community. It is an incredible way to help promote our community and work together for the betterment of our children.

CENTRAIDE CAMPAIGN

These days, under such stressful economic circumstances, more and more people are turning towards community organizations and social service agencies to give them a hand when times are tough. This is where Centraide comes in. This year, its more than 360 agencies and organizations across the Greater Montreal area are reaching out to people who are enduring the sting of poverty (over 500,000 residents in the Greater Montreal area live below the poverty line), as well as dealing with other urgent concerns such as domestic violence, child abuse, and improving the quality of life of our growing senior population.

From now until November 26, the EMSB will conduct its annual Centraide campaign. Personalized donation forms are now on their way to every EMSB employee in our schools, centres and the administration building. Last year, we raised over \$3,300 for Centraide, and our objective this year is to increase our employee participation rate. The money that is raised benefits such local agencies and organizations as the Head & Hands, Citizen Advocacy Montreal, Chez Doris -- The Women's Shelter Foundation, Multi Caf and Project Genesis. We encourage you to discuss your Centraide objectives with your staff at your next staff/department meeting, or mention it in a staff memo.

Donations can be made as either one lump sum, or through payroll deductions beginning in January, 2011. Employees are also encouraged to stage their own fundraisers to benefit Centraide. For example, Administration Building employees held a used book sale last year and raised over \$200. All completed donation cards must be sent to Centraide Coordinator Stuart Nulman, in Room 109 of the Administration Building, by no later than Friday, November 26. For more information, please contact him at ext. 7429, or snulman@emsb.qc.ca.

ROSEMOUNT GETS INTO THE SPIRIT

On October 20, students at Rosemount High School wore purple in support of Spirit Day, a unique opportunity to remember the six American students who tragically took their own lives after being bullied because of their homosexuality. With the help of Spiritual Community Animator **Katie Leggitt**, the student council felt a timely need to raise awareness and to promote anti-bullying in the school. Students and staff alike signed a banner and a pledge, promising to treat each other with respect and without discrimination based on race, religion, orientation and physical abilities. Each person who signed received a purple bracelet and a booklet on appreciating diversity. All funds raised during this campaign will be used to further raise awareness in the school. This is a first step of more to come at Rosemount geared towards sensitizing students and providing opportunities to celebrate each others differences. The Rosemount community encourages other school communities to create a pledge as well.



SCHOOLS WIN HALLOWEEN CONTEST

A number of EMSB schools entered the Virgin Radio Pumpkin Decoration contest. Carlyle Elementary School in TMR won first prize and \$1,500 in gift certificates from Halloween Mega, which will be used to buy costumes for students. The school initially received \$100 worth of candy. She will buy the costumes this week and the kids will wear the costume on Friday.

Meanwhile, Our Lady of Pompei Elementary School Daycare's Journalism club students decorated and submitted pumpkins to Virgin Radio's Halloween Decoration Contest. The students used their creativity to decorate four pumpkins and wrote articles about it for their newspaper. The fourth grade won the contest for their pumpkin and on October 19 the Virgin Radio team came by to drop off their prize of \$100 worth of candy.



The Our Lady of Pompei Halloween team.

FRENCH FOR THE FUTURE

French for the Future is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications from students interested in becoming ambassadors of bilingualism and participating in the 2011 National Ambassador Youth Forum. The deadline to send in the application form is Friday, November 12 2011. Thirty dynamic students from across the country will be selected to represent their communities at the National Ambassador Youth Forum. This unique annual event, held in a different city each year, will take place in Quebec City from February 25th to March 1st 2011. Throughout the forum, ambassadors will share their experiences and discuss the challenges and advantages of speaking two languages in Canada. They will participate in a series interactive workshops, activities, and cultural events that will provide them with tools necessary to continue to live in French and motivate their peers to do the same. Please visit www.french-future.org for all the details, eligibility criteria, and the application form.

CBC REPORT ON JFK WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM

Shaun Simon, a physical education teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in St. Michel, decided to launch a contest earlier this fall after watching numerous students struggle with their weight. "It's gotten to a point where, let's say we're running around the gym and the kids can only do two or three laps around the gym, and then they're passing out, and they need water. That's really, really bad," said Simon.

At JFK, teachers started noticing many students were spending their lunch hour at a nearby McDonald's Restaurant right across from the school, Simon explained. Poor nutrition and regular fast-food meals, combined with hours of computer surfing, mean "we have an alarming number of students who are overweight," the gym teacher said. Taking a page from the NBC show *The Biggest Loser*, Simon decided this fall to set up his own incentive program. On the TV show, contestants attempt to lose the most weight, or percentage of their weight, to win a cash prize. Simon has challenged his students to trim down over the next three months by eating healthy foods and working out every week. They stand to win prizes donated by local businesses, including a membership to a nearby martial arts club.

Medical research has shown obese and inactive children and teenagers are increasingly at risk of diseases that were once almost exclusively the domain of adults, including diabetes, liver disorders and hardening of the arteries. Giovanni Neri, 16, is all too aware of the toll her weight may take on her health. At 233 pounds, her family doctor has told her she has a high chance of developing diabetes. "That's what scared me the most," Neri told CBC during a recent visit to the school. "That's what triggered me. It's like, it's time to do something else and fix it."

Neri hopes to lose 20 pounds in the three-month contest. About 30 students have signed up for the challenge, spending some of their lunch-hour time working out every week, under Simon's supervision. Simon says he hopes the results will inspire other students to join in.

TIP YOUR HAT

On October 22, Honoré Mercier Elementary School in St. Léonard had a "Tip Your Hat Day." This was a fundraiser organized by the Honoré Mercier Home and School Association and if students sent in a donation they could wear any hat to school for the day. Some students were quite creative and designed their very own unique hats! In addition, the students in Cycle 3 were also treated by a visit by Rosemount High School's stage band performing some songs from the hit show *Glee*!



VITTORIO ROSSI AT TRUDEAU

On October 18 Cycle 2 and 3 students who take Italian PELO were treated to a one hour interview with playwright **Vittorio Rossi**, who discussed with them the content and staging of *Paradise by the River*, a play put on by the Centaur Theatre. Students will attend a presentation this week. The students asked pertinent questions, and enjoyed Mr. Rossi's lively story telling type answers. Mr. Rossi vividly described the facts which inspired the play, thus allowing our students to come in contact with a page of Italian-Canadian history few people are aware of. This event boosted our students' pride in their Italian heritage, and enriched their general culture. The school wishes to thank **Signora Mariotti**, **Signora Bonifaccio** and **Signora Goffredo**, who organized this pleasant and instructive event.



Vittorio Rossi and students.

TOY TEA

This year, for the eighth time, several EMSB schools – including Dunrae Gardens in TMR, Lauren Hill Academy in St. Laurent, Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount, and Lester B. Pearson High School in Montreal North -- will be participating in the 19th annual Toy Tea Campaign. The campaign is an initiative of Spiritual, Religious and Moral Education Consultant Irene Miller, in which participating students collect toys which will benefit children with AIDS and children who are being sheltered and protected from abuse, war, poverty and/or violence. It culminates when representatives from the schools drop off the toys at the Christmas and Chanukah Toy Tea, which is scheduled to take place on November 30, from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at Tudor Hall, which is located on the fifth floor of Ogilvy's department store in downtown Montreal. Last year, 12 participating EMSB schools collected about 2,000 new toys.

The Toy Tea, chaired by Montreal philanthropist **Ginger Petty**, collects and donates brand new toys to over



5,000 children in 32 shelters of various ethnic and religious backgrounds in Montreal, such as the Shield of Athena, the West Island Women's Shelter, Multi-Femmes and Auberge Shalom. The actual event, which also includes a fashion show courtesy of Ogilvy's, school choir performances (including appearances by the Roslyn and Willingdon choirs) and other entertainment, charges as admission one or more new, unwrapped, non-violent toys per guest. For more information, contact Irene Miller at ext. 7330 or Ginger Petty at 514-934-2292.

ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES

EMSB HOSTS PROCEDE CONFERENCE

The EMSB hosted the annual PROCEDE (Provincial Organization of Continuing Education Directors, English) Conference at the Fairmont - Le Chateau Montebello from October 20 to 22,. This program focuses on professional development, as well as networking for directors general, directors of services, administration and professionals. This year's theme *Imagine-Educate-Inspire* was a tribute to all those who have chosen the path of Adult and/or Vocational Education while facing many of life's difficulties and obstacles.

The keynote speaker was **Clara Hughes**, summer and winter Olympic medalist and educator/comedian Joe Cacchione, EMSB Director General **Robert Stocker** delivered the opening address. EMSB Chairman **Angela Mancini** and Vice-Chairman **Sylvia Lo Bianco** attended and participated in the conference as well. There were a variety of speakers and workshop presenters to ensure a sufficient variety for the adult education and vocational training community to take back and share ideas with their colleagues back home.



Clara Hughes gets a warm welcome to the conference from Rosario Ortona, director of Adult Education and Vocational Services for the EMSB.

EMSB TIP SHEET: ITEMS OF INTEREST

Editor's Note

The Communications Department of the EMSB is contacted regularly by organizers of different conferences, facilitators of interesting workshops and developers of innovative fundraising opportunities. We screen these requests and make the information available to schools and centres. From this point on, we will group these in our Tip Corner and give in-school administrators, teachers, other staff, parent groups and even students of making contact directly.

DVD LAUNCH

Mark down Thursday November 11 (changed from Wed. Nov. 11). On that evening, the Central Parents Committee will host the official launch of **Carolyn Melmed's** new DVD: *Unleashing Your Child's Potential*. A teacher and founding member of the Lansdowne Centre, Ms. Melmed knows that success in school requires good study habits and that a strong relationship between students, parents, and teachers is essential to effective learning. *Unleashing Your Child's Potential* is a comprehensive instructional guide that focuses on how parents can become good coaches, motivate their children and provide them with learning methods, a sense of discipline and effective communication skills. Parents will learn how to help their children evolve from being dependent on parents and teachers, to becoming independent learners, and ultimately to achieve higher grades and become more successful students. Parents can learn how to set up a good learning environment at home, an effective homework routine and how to prepare for parent/teacher interviews.

"I believe that learning is a shared responsibility and that parents must work together with their children to optimize their learning potential and academic performance," says Ms. Melmed. "I was compelled to produce this DVD because of the lack of resources for parents, despite their being indispensable in the learning process."

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book is selling for \$30 at the EMSB Student Services Department. When you buy an Entertainment Book you are supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation <http://www.jdrf.ca>. This year the book includes five bonus cards, for a total of \$25 in extra savings. Examples include

\$5.00 off at: Cinemas Guzzo

Domino's Pizza

Barbie's

Ben & Florentine

Mount Saint Sauveur Parc Aquatique

You will also receive \$1,000 in savings from coupons that can be used for: Dining out - Casual and Family Dining - Fast Food and Carryout - Entertainment and Sports - Travel and Hotels - Retail and Services. To purchase an Entertainment Book, send an e-mail to tpercio@emsb.qc.ca.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WELCOMING A STUDENT TO YOUR WORKPLACE?

The Career Exploration Program gives Secondary IV and V students the opportunity to learn about a profession or trade of their choice through *observation, discussion* and sometimes *practical work*.

DATE: Visits are scheduled between December 2010 to April 2011

DURATION: half or a full day

If you are interested in participating, please send the following information to tpercio@emsb.qc.ca and I will schedule a visit for our student(s):

Your name – Your occupation

Company name – Company telephone # – Company address

Date of visit (weekdays only) – Time of visit (7am to 5pm)

of students – Important information to communicate to students

We are always looking for contacts and I welcome your e-mails throughout the 2010-2011 school year. If you have any questions call 514-483-7200 ext. 7479.

IMPROV FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

While Toronto and Chicago enjoy renowned organizations like The Second City, Montreal can now be added to the list with the Grand Opening of the Montreal Improv Theatre, a school for sketch and improvised (or 'improv') comedy. Most people are familiar with sketch comedy from shows like "Kids in the Hall" or "Saturday Night Live" while improv is the art of theatre without a script. Both sketch and improv have been the launching pad for many comedians such as Mike Meyers and Tina Fey.

The new Montreal Improv Theatre is in the heart of Montreal at 3713 St. Laurent (2nd Floor, south of des Pins Ave). The non-profit organization began by simply teaching classes but has grown to the point where a new home has become a necessity. Run by **Kirsten Rasmussen, Marc Rowland, Bryan Walsh** and **François Vincent**, Montreal Improv wants to expand the comedy on offer year round. They also have a program just for high schools. Go to www.montrealimprov.com or www.highschoolimprov.com or call **François Vincent** at (514) 568-0328, francois@montrealimprov.com

CELLFIELD INTERVENTION

The Montreal based Stepping Up Resource Centre Inc. is the first and only Canadian licensee to date to offer the revolutionary Cellfield Intervention (Cellfield) educational program and treatment designed to help with reading, comprehension, concentration, attention and retention difficulties, tiredness and/or discomfort induced by reading. Cellfield is a natural continuum to the educational programs offered by the Stepping Up Resource Centre, such as preparing students for high school entrance exams, evaluation sessions, and specialized tutoring groups. Ingrid Poupart, president and founder of the Stepping Up Resource Centre, has devoted many years professionally and personally to overcoming challenges with reading and comprehension. In the mid 1980's, Ingrid started working at Edinburgh Elementary School in Montreal West, and, within five years, she became the Director of the After School Programs. Under her guidance, the program grew from 60 to over 220 students. Ingrid observed that some kids in the After School Programs could benefit from extra help - so she introduced a highly successful tutoring program that was affordable and accessible to all. Ingrid became a certified Davis Facilitator based on a program for reading and dyslexia founded by Ronald Davis. Ingrid implemented the 'Davis Learning Strategies' into Edinburgh Elementary School. Click [here](#) for more details.

SHEILA THE STORYTELLER

Sheila Pinsky is a storyteller/puppeteer, who animates exciting and dramatic stories with handmade "green" puppets and props. The children from pre k to Grade 3 are fascinated by her creativity and amazing variety of voices. She covers many themes and situations, which come to life with the puppets. This would be a wonderful addition to your literacy week, or just about any time. Perhaps you have participated in her QPAT workshops on storytelling. You are in for a treat, and lots of creative ideas. Please phone Sheila at 514 484 2730 or email at sheilastoryteller@hotmail.com.

SEEKING CHILDREN'S ARTWORK

To kick-off the first Mainstage production in the 2010-2011 season themed "Celebrating Art", [Geordie Productions](#) is calling for submissions of children's artwork to be included in an Opening Night Exhibition at Centaur Theatre on November 5. One Grand Prize winner's artwork will be selected to appear as part of the set of *For Art's Sake*, which runs from November 5- 14 at the Centaur Theatre. Deadline for entries is October 1, 2010. [Click here to access all of the details.](#)

The Grand Prize winner will be selected from a jury that includes the director (Amanda Kellock), Geordie's Artistic Director (Dean Patrick Fleming), designers from the show (James Lavoie, Sarah Yaffe) among others. As

part of the set designed by James Lavoie, the winner's artwork will be seen on stage by up to 4,000 audience members

FUNDRAISING IDEA FOR MOMS

If you are interested in learning more about the Mummy Card Fundraiser Program, you can access the flyer [by clicking on this link](#).

CBC BOOK CLUB

Once again, CBC Radio is partnering up with the TD Bank and the Canadian Children's Book Centre to host a CBC Kids Book Club in a participating school. The school that wins this year's competition will receive a visit from children's book author **Arthur Slade**, along with 40 copies of his award-nominated book, *The Hunchback Assignment* - a steampunk thriller set in the alleyways and underground of Victorian London. It is one of five books on the shortlist for this year's **TD Canadian Children's Literature Awards** (winner to be announced November 9). This is open to all Grade 6 classes. Parkdale Elementary School in St. Laurent is a past winner.

If your class wins, CBC will fly Arthur Slade to Montreal to record the Book Club at your school in early November. It can be held in your classroom and will start with a demonstration on how radio is recorded. Then CBC Radio's **Jeanette Kelly** will moderate a discussion between the author and the students. The interaction should last approximately one hour, and highlights will be broadcasted on CBC Radio's *Homerun*.

CBC is asking classes to collectively write a story or a poem convincing them why they should bring the Book Club to your school. Tell them why your class is special when it comes to books and reading. The written piece should be no longer than 150 words. All of the information on how to enter is available by clicking [here](#). To speak to someone at CBC, contact **Christopher DiRaddo** at 514-597-4489 or christopher.diraddo@cbc.ca.

CALENDAR

November 3 and 4, 2010

EMSB Career Fair
St. Pius X Adult Centre
9955 Papineau

November 11, 2010

Remembrance Day

November 21, 2010

Glee Showdown
Loyola Auditorium

November 25 and 26, 2010

QPAT Convention, Palais des Congrès

December 10, 2010

Radio Star Contest Deadline

December 22, 2010

Last day of classes before Christmas break

PLEINS FEUX SUR FIELDING

JAMES LYNG ET LES FILMS

L'an dernier, les élèves de l'école secondaire James Lyng de Saint-Henri ont participé à deux projets de films et le lancement de ces productions a eu lieu au Festival du nouveau cinéma. « *I Love Burgz* » a été créé en collaboration avec *LOVE (Vivre sans Violence)* et dont la rédaction, la production et l'interprétation ont été réalisés par des jeunes et un grand nombre d'élèves et plusieurs anciens élèves ont pris part à ce projet. Lors de cet événement, « *Say It Loud, Say It Proud* », un autre film commandité par le Centre de ressources de la communauté noire, et créé par les élèves de James Lyng a été présenté. James Lyng est fière de la créativité de ses élèves.

SOIRÉE DES RETRAITÉ(E)S

Près de 184 personnes ont assisté à la soirée annuelle des retraité(e)s qui a eu lieu le 14 octobre dernier à l'hôtel Omni Mont-Royal du centre-ville. La soirée a honoré 107 employé(e)s de la CSEM qui ont pris leur retraite après avoir occupé des postes d'éducateurs, d'administrateurs, de professionnels et de personnel de soutien et dont les années combinées de service s'élevaient à 3004. La présidente de la CSEM, **Angela Mancini**, ainsi que les cadres supérieurs de chaque région, du Service de l'éducation des adultes et de la formation professionnelle, des Services aux élèves, du Service des ressources humaines, du Service des technologies de l'information et du bureau du directeur général ont présenté à chaque retraité(e) une horloge de bureau Forestville de Mosel, à titre de remerciement. Deux des employés honorés qui avaient à leur actif les plus longues années de service ont été **Rocco Moccela**, ancien enseignant à l'école secondaire Lester B. Pearson et **Mario Tirelli**, ancien directeur général de la CSEM, qui ont pris leur retraite après 38 années de service.

CULTURE POUR TOUS

La présence de la CSEM aux journées de la culture le 24 septembre dernier a été couronnée de succès grâce à la collaboration des directions d'école, des directions adjointes d'école, d'enseignant(e)s et d'élèves. La CSEM a organisé une panoplie d'activités dans 22 écoles, dirigées par **Genny Villa**, conseillère de projets spéciaux des Services pédagogiques. Les activités les plus remarquées ont été des expositions de travail d'art, de murales, de vêtements traditionnels, d'artisanat des groupes ethniques des écoles, un vernissage à l'école secondaire Westmount et des ateliers avec des artistes invités, dont **Marvin Réal Baptiste** (Danse, Hip Hop) à l'école primaire Bancroft du Plateau et **Alejandro Moran** (Arts de la scène, théâtre et improvisation) à l'école secondaire Lester B. Pearson de Montréal-Nord.

ATELIERS SUR LES PROBLÈMES D'ATTENTION ET LA SEXUALITÉ

Le Centre d'excellence pour la gestion du comportement et l'Équipe régionale de soutien et d'expertise DCIPSM de la Montérégie présenteront deux conférences d'intérêt pour les parents, les 15 et 16 novembre, au Centre Renaissance (7500 Boulevard Henri Bourassa est) à Anjou, de 8 h 30 à 16 h, qui mettront en vedette le psychologue renommé Gordon Neufeld.

Le 15 novembre, la conférence « *Making Sense of Attention Problem* » attirera l'attention des parents et des enseignant(e)s en leur offrant des méthodes de rechange pour traiter les problèmes auxquels les enfants font face. Au lieu d'avoir besoin de compter sur des interventions médicales, ils peuvent traiter les problèmes ancrés

des enfants et constater des résultats significatifs en comportement, relations et réalisations académiques. Le 16 novembre, le Dr Neufeld abordera le sujet de l'adolescence et de la sexualité. Il discutera du développement de la sexualité et la perspective actuelle de la sexualité de cette génération comparée aux générations précédentes. Il expliquera quelle est la raison de la croissance de l'interaction sexuelle parmi les adolescents et il parlera aussi de l'intimidation sexuelle. Les personnes qui assisteront à cet exposé apprendront de nouvelles méthodes de contribuer à un éveil sain à la sexualité chez les jeunes. Pour plus d'informations, envoyer un courriel à eventscebm@rsb.ac ou appeler au 450-672-4010, poste 6650 ou s'inscrire en ligne à <http://www.gordonneufeld.com/events/gordon>

BENEDICT LABRE

Le 4 octobre, des élèves du secondaire V de Laurier Macdonald, accompagnés de Mme Kelly, M. Lacroce, Linda De Young en charge de la cafétéria et la coordonnatrice du Centre communautaire d'apprentissage, **Gina Bergantino**, ont préparé un repas d'Action de Grâces pour la Maison Benedict Labre. Le repas a été préparé et livré à des personnes défavorisées de Montréal. Les organisateurs désirent remercier M. Carnevale (J.B. Laverdure), Tania Gucciardo (Distribution Marchica) et la famille Ruvo (Les Délices Lafrenaie) qui ont généreusement fait don des aliments.

En outre, l'élève du secondaire V de LMAC, **Michelle Sollecito**, sous la direction de M. Lacroce, a organisé une semaine de levée de fonds pour la Course à la Vie CIBC de la Fondation canadienne du cancer du sein. Michelle a créé le logo des t-shirts de LMAC et, avec l'aide de ses amis, a organisé des ventes de gâteaux et un tirage de collections de souvenirs pour la cause. Le 3 octobre, 10 élèves de LMAC ont marché pour l'école et ont recueilli plus de 2 000 \$. Octobre étant le Mois de la sensibilisation au cancer du sein, les élèves ont porté chaque vendredi les t-shirts que Michelle avait créé. Félicitations à tous ceux qui ont participé et fait des dons à la cause.

Les élèves du secondaire V de Laurier Macdonald, guidés par la direction de l'école, l'enseignant ECR Christina Pastor et M. Lacroce, ont organisé une levée de fonds pour le Téléthon des étoiles. Les élèves ont créé des t-shirts Téléthon des étoiles et organisé un barbecue et une vente de gâteaux. Les commanditaires incluaient Costco Lachenaie, Boss Auto et la boulangerie Laura. L'école a généré plus de 20 000 \$ de dons pour le Téléthon des étoiles au cours des 10 dernières années.

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE DE CÔTE-SAINT-LUC

La CSEM a tenu une réunion couronnée de succès le 6 octobre dernier concernant l'éventualité d'établir une école secondaire publique unique en son genre à Côte-Saint-Luc. La réunion s'est déroulée à l'Hôtel de ville de Côte-Saint-Luc et a fait salle comble. Le maire **Anthony Housefather** considère le retour d'une école secondaire publique dans sa communauté comme une priorité majeure. La présidente de la CSEM, **Angela Mancini**, le commissaire **Syd Wise**, le maire Housefather et **Bonnie Feigenbaum**, conseillère municipale de la Ville de Hampstead qui a aussi endossé le concept d'une nouvelle école secondaire publique à l'ancienne école Wagar, se sont adressés à l'auditoire. Le commissaire Syd Wise préside le comité de la CSEM qui a examiné les options d'ouverture d'une nouvelle école. Le commissaire **Joseph Lalla** a présenté un diaporama électronique du bâtiment Wagar qui loge actuellement l'école secondaire John Grant, un centre d'éducation des adultes et le centre de traitement de livres. Le bâtiment porte le nom de Giovanni Palatucci depuis 2006.

M. Lalla a illustré comment le bâtiment Palatucci et l'aire avoisinante sont des lieux parfaits pour un programme concentré sur les sports, l'un des objectifs de la nouvelle école secondaire. Des programmes de langues d'origine et de beaux-arts sont aussi considérés. Le Dr Wise, ancien directeur de l'école Wagar, a souligné que ce seront les parents d'élèves intéressés à fréquenter l'école qui auront un apport crucial. Un

questionnaire a été circulé et il est maintenant affiché à www.emsb.qc.ca et www.cotesaintluc.org. à l'intention des parents qui devront le remplir en indiquant leurs préférences de programmes et s'ils étaient disposés à siéger à un comité qui devra présenter un plan d'action.

Un temps considérable a été consacré à la période de questions et réponses. Un grand nombre de parents a fait des suggestions qui ont été notées. Mme Mancini a expliqué qu'il ne serait pas probable qu'une nouvelle école soit établie avant l'année scolaire 2012-2013 étant donné que le ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) exige un processus de consultation générale. Le comité de planification à long terme de la CSEM doit formuler diverses recommandations au conseil des commissaires en mars. Celles qui seront acceptées seront soumises à la consultation, qui sera suivie d'audiences et d'un vote au début de l'hiver 2011-2012.

MARCHONS VERS L'ÉCOLE

Des centaines d'élèves de six écoles primaires (Royal Vale, Willingdon et St. Monica de NDG; Elizabeth Ballantyne de Montréal-Ouest; St. John Bosco de Ville Émard et Edward Murphy de Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) se sont joints à leurs pairs d'à travers le monde pour prendre part à la Journée internationale « Marchons vers l'école ».

En compagnie de leurs parents et du personnel de l'école, ils ont été accompagnés à l'ouest de la ville par Ted Fairhurst qui est le président honoraire de l'évènement annuel organisé par la Commission scolaire English-Montréal. En sus d'être un ancien élève d'Elizabeth Ballantyne, M. Fairhurst a porté la bonne physique à un nouveau niveau alors qu'il a récemment célébré son 63^e anniversaire au sommet du Mont Everest.

« C'est un évènement merveilleux » a déclaré M. Fairhurst. « Il est si important que les enfants y participent et marchent. C'est le moment de leurs vies où ils façonnent le corps qu'ils auront à l'avenir. J'avais l'habitude d'aller à pied à l'école quatre fois par jour. La marche est un exercice qui est vital pour un corps et un esprit sain. » Pour plus de détails, cliquez [ici](#).

CAPSULE-MÉMORIAL D'EAST HILL

Le 15 octobre, plus de 500 personnes se sont réunies à la salle de réception Chateaubriand de Rivière-des-Prairies pour célébrer la fin du projet du Millenium de l'école primaire East Hill.

En avril 2000, tout l'effectif scolaire de l'école a pris part à ce projet de création de capsule-mémorial pour célébrer l'arrivée du nouveau millénaire. Chaque élève avait créé sa capsule miniature et y avait inséré quelques mots décrivant ses espoirs et ses rêves pour l'avenir. Chaque capsule miniature avait été placée dans une grande capsule-mémorial qui avait pour modèle la capsule spatiale Mercury qui avait été utilisée pour l'exploration spatiale par des astronautes américains au début des années 60. La capsule a été scellée et placée au hall d'entrée de l'école jusqu'à ce qu'elle soit ouverte 10 ans plus tard. Les anciens élèves présents à cet évènement- qui

étaient des élèves d'East Hill durant l'année scolaire 1999-2000 – ont récupéré leurs minis capsules et étaient anxieux de savoir si ce qu'ils avaient souhaité une décennie plus tôt s'était réalisé.

Les enseignant(e)s, présents et passés, les parents, la directrice d'East Hill **Maria Di Perna** et la directrice adjointe **Myrienne Lusigan**, la directrice générale adjointe **Roma Medwid**, la directrice de la Région 1, **Marzia**



Michielli, et l'ancienne directrice d'East Hill, **Maria Cesta**, qui avait supervisé le lancement du projet du Millénaire, étaient présents à cet événement. Mme Cesta a récité à l'auditoire un poème qu'elle avait écrit pour commémorer l'occasion intitulée « *A Voyage in Time* ».

PATINAGE À McSHANE

Le programme de patinage de l'école primaire Gerald McShane de Montréal Nord aura lieu à nouveau deux fois par semaine à l'Aréna Henri Bourassa adjacente à l'école et le programme sera animé par des entraîneurs certifiés de Patinage Canada. En sus de gagner des badges quand ils complètent chaque niveau avec succès, l'évaluation/participation sera incluse au bulletin de notes en tant que portion de la note d'éducation physique. **Cathy Bucaro** coordonne le programme de patinage.

LEADERSHIP ÉTUDIANT

Des élèves de cinq écoles secondaires- Royal Vale, Westmount, Vincent Massey, James Lyng et Marymount- ont représenté la Commission scolaire English-Montréal au Congrès canadien de leadership étudiant : Le Grand Chapiteau 2010.

Le congrès qui a pour mission de promouvoir activement le concept de leadership étudiant à travers le Canada, a eu lieu à l'école secondaire polyvalente Pierrefonds. « Ce fut une expérience phénoménale pour les élèves et les conseillers, qui n'aurait pas été possible sans la générosité des Services pédagogiques de la CSEM » a déclaré Stella Harris, enseignante à Royal Vale. Tout au long de sessions très animées, d'ateliers stimulants et d'activités sociales, les élèves ont rencontré des jeunes de leur âge d'à travers le Canada avec qui ils espèrent demeurer en contact en tant qu'amis et contacts de leadership. Quelques uns des ateliers les plus populaires ont été : *What Would You Do If You Ran Your School?*, *End Poverty Now*, *Youth Leadership Development*, *Starting a Business and Self Production of a Music Album*. Pour plus de détails, cliquez ici.

SHEILA LA CONTEUSE

Sheila Pinsky est une conteuse/marionnettiste qui anime des histoires excitantes et dramatiques à l'aide de marionnettes « vertes » faites à la main et d'accessoires. Les enfants de la prématernelle à la 3^e année sont fascinés par sa créativité et par sa gamme impressionnante de voix. Elle présente plusieurs situations qui se matérialisent grâce aux marionnettes. Ceci serait un très bel ajout à votre semaine d'alphabétisation ou à n'importe quel moment. Vous avez peut-être participé à ses ateliers sur le récit de contes et, pour plus de renseignements, veuillez appeler Sheila au 514-484-2730 ou adresser un courriel à sheilastoryteller@hotmail.com.

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